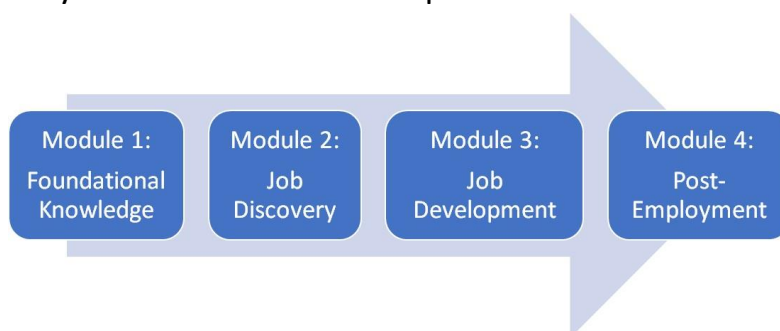


Connecticut Customized Employment Services

Connecticut Customized Employment is a collaborative approach to service provision, based upon agreement that job seekers should be provided vocational options with priority placed upon creating opportunities for competitive work in the community providing for integration, economic self-sufficiency, challenge, and career growth. Services will be delivered based upon an individualized plan for a person according to his or her needs. Individual informed choice of service options will be honored to the extent possible through a coordinated service delivery system that makes the best use of existing and potential financial, human and community resources.

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS), the Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS), and the State Department of Education have partnered to roll out the Connecticut Customized Employment (CE) Curriculum in October 2021. This CE curriculum developed by the Regional Educational Service Center Alliance in consultation with ADS, DDS and SDE is provider focused and offers training in a shorter period than legacy models. The service is not meant to replace other training, but rather to create a specialized program that will bring provider staff to competency in CE at a faster pace. To become certified by ADS, providers have the option of choosing the state curriculum or pursuing alternative recognized training for which reciprocity will be allowed. ACRE Certification of the CT CE Curriculum will be pursued in the coming year following fine-tuning of the curriculum.

All modules are virtual with a combination of deadline oriented asynchronous (self – study) work and live online synchronous (class) sessions. The modules will engage learners with readings, videos, lecture style information sharing, presentations, role plays, case studies, discussion board posts, and practice tasks. Modules will vary between 8.5 hours and 13 hours and 40 minutes (Module 4 is the longest) and completion will vary by course as well as by learner because some portions of the modules are self-paced.



Provider and agency staff attending will be required to attend all four training modules including Module 1: Foundational Knowledge. Completion of all 4 modules includes Foundational Knowledge, Job Discovery, Job Development, Negotiation and Placement and Post Employment Support will be necessary to obtain CT CE certification. From start to finish, the complete training curriculum is just over 40 hours.

Initial Rollout for Connecticut Customized Employment Services is as follows:

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| <u>Module 1:</u> | |
| Foundational Knowledge | 10/04/21 – 10/15/21 |
| <u>Module 2:</u> | |
| Job Discovery | 10/18/21 – 10/29/21 |
| Week Off | |
| <u>Module 3:</u> | |
| Job Development, Negotiation and Placement | 11/08/21 – 11/19/21 |
| Thanksgiving Week | |
| <u>Module 4:</u> | |
| Post- Employment Supports | 11/29/21 – 12/10/21 |

Agency Contacts

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CT CE Curriculum participants will receive contact information for User support concerns following enrollment in the training.

[Customized Employment Registration Link](#)